

1709 Green St. Phil^a

Oct. 15th 1861.

My Dear Friend,

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We are all enjoying the anticipation of your presence at our approaching Annual Meeting, both for our sakes and for the sake of the anti-slavery ^{cause} at a critical moment such as the present. My object in writing to you, now, is to express the earnest desire of many of your friends that you will make your arrangements to spend Wednesday evening, the 23^d inst. (the evening previous to our meeting) at the house of Dr. Child, No. 634 Race St. The Philadelphia Fair Circle is to meet there, on that evening; and your presence on the occasion will give to a large number of your friends, and to some strangers, an opportunity of meeting you. Many of them will not be

present at our meeting in West
Chester; and they are naturally de-
sirous to see you, and to meet you so-
cially. I have ventured to say that
I am sure you will be glad thus to
meet your old friends and other
Phil^a abolitionists. I learn from a
letter from Mr. Johnson to Mr. Mc-
Kim that you will come from New
York to Phil^a on Wednesday. Mrs.
Child desires me to say that she
and her husband will be very hap-
py to receive you at their house,
at whatever hour you may arrive,
that you shall have all needful
rest and refreshment before the
evening guests assemble, and that
in this invitation your son is
most cordially included.

Mrs. Child wished me to add
that, in her opinion, it would be
the wisest plan for you to remain

their guests until the next morning, when you will take the train for West Chester; rather than go out to Germantown, in the latter part of the evening, with Mr. McKim, and return early in the morning, to take the West Chester train. This point, however, I declined to negotiate between you, as the increasing cautiousness of advancing age warns me not to involve myself in trouble ~~with~~ⁱⁿ ~~trouble~~ with Mr. & Mrs. McKim, by being an agent, however innocent, in robbing them of your visit, even for one night. That matter I leave for the parties most concerned, to settle; my mission being to secure, if possible, your presence at our circle on Wednesday evening.

I believe that Mr. McKim intends to write to you again, but he requested me to say that he wishes

his house to be your home, while
you are here. I think he intends to
meet you on your arrival in the city,
and escort you to Dr. Child's house,
if you will agree to our arrangement;
and in the faith that you will do
so, I intend to accept Mrs. Child's
invitation to me to take tea with
you.

Margaret sends her love and
~~the~~ assurances of her pleasure in
the expectation of meeting you so
soon.

As ever, yours, with most
cordial affection and respect,
Mary Grew.

Mr. Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

M. G.
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